

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 26 and 28-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 26 and 28-52 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 26 and 28-52 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dube et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0056668) in view of Kuhmonen (U.S. Pat. No. 5,248,042), Mclean (U.S. Pat. No. 2,055,630), Davis (U.S. Pat. No. 6,318,560) and Paladin (U.S. Pat. No. 6,986,425).

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Kumar and Supervisory Primary Examiner Mackey for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of January 20, 2010. At the interview, agreement was reached with respect to the claims that they are distinguished over the prior art of record. It was further agreed that, in the absence of more relevant prior art, the captioned application should be in condition for allowance.

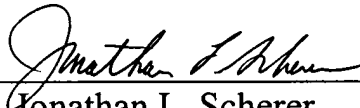
Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. A Notice of

Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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